



# COMAL COUNTY

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **County confirms 12 new COVID-19 cases, seven more probable**

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County on Wednesday confirmed 12 new cases of COVID-19 and seven additional probable cases, for an overall total of 277 confirmed and probable cases.

Of the 19 newly reported cases, 15 are residents of the New Braunfels area, three live on the south side of Canyon Lake, and one is a Bulverde-area resident. Ages range from under 18 to their 50s.

The county also confirmed nine more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 151. With seven deaths, the county now has 119 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases, five of them hospitalized after one patient was discharged.

As of Thursday morning, the Comal County Office of Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 4,694 tests conducted
- 219 confirmed cases
- 58 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 5.90%, up from 5.81% on Wednesday and 4.07% one week ago. It's the highest the rate has been since May 15.

Of the 277 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 203 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 32 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 17 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 13 from south of Canyon Lake
- 10 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 2 from Fair Oaks Ranch

Residents wishing to be tested for COVID-19 can call the county's dedicated hotline, 830-221-1120, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### **Probable case definition**

“Probable cases” is a category established by the Texas Department of State Health Services to describe those who do not have a positive PCR test for COVID-19, but meet two of the following three criteria:

- A positive quick-result antigen test
- Experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Close contact with a confirmed positive COVID-19 case

A probable case is treated identically to a confirmed case and counts toward the county's positivity rate and total case tally.

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